

## MEMPHIS APPEAL

SATURDAY, : : : APRIL 7, 1883.

## GEN. TUCKER'S ASSASSINATION

The assassination of Gen. Tucker, of Mississippi, in September, 1881, was a crime appalling in its enormity. A useful and industrious citizen was called out in the dark and morning of the day, and the assassin of crime found no parallel in this history. It was not surprising that this atrocious deed produced a profound sensation and indignation throughout the country, and especially in North Mississippi. Men felt that the assassin was not hunted down and brought to condign punishment there would be no safety to life. In the eagerness to detect the murderer, as a matter of course, great injustice was done individuals. Innocent parties were arrested and imprisoned. But if justice has been tardy it has at least overtaken the assassin, and terrible will be the retribution. A few days since, the Appeal, in a special dispatch from Oklahoma, published an account of the conviction of Matt Simmons, one of the conspirators to the cowardly assassination of Gen. Tucker, and in another column will be found an article from the Oklahoma Messenger, indorsing the verdict and insisting that all the conspirators be brought to punishment. This is a case in which the action of the people should be, "Let no guilty man escape." Justice to the memory of the lamented Tucker and the safety of the society demand that the community rid itself of these flesh assassins. The Messenger says that "the end of justice cannot be met while the assassin lives." It is a fact elicited on the trial of Simmons seriously implicate the Shaw, and they will in all probability be brought to trial. In the end Simmons will not doubt reveal the names of his confederates. It is not only due to justice, but to the Shaw themselves, that they be placed on trial. Soon after the assassination of Gen. Tucker, the name of the Shaw, or at least one of them, was sent in a special dispatch to the Appeal, was accused of being connected with the crime. In January last South Shaw came to the Appeal, and with an air of injured innocence, demanded the name of the author of the dispatch. He seemed to have gone on the war-path, and a suit for libel appeared to be imminent. The next we heard of him was that he had been arrested by the sheriff as one of the assassins of Gen. Tucker. We know nothing of the guilt or innocence of the Shaw, but we agree with our Oklahoma contemporary that they should be placed on trial. If proved innocent, the Appeal will be the first to do them justice.

## HOW TO PREVENT MURDER.

Ever since Cain slew his brother, the world has been busy in trying to prevent murder. The day will never come when there will be no homicide, since man is a creature of violence, but with the advance of civilization many of the causes of murder will be removed. The epidemic is told that the first business in preparing for the table was to first to catch the flies. In the same manner it is just as essential to catch, convict and punish all who carry upon their persons the implements of death. Memphis was one of the first cities to do this. It was the first, like first, against the practice of carrying concealed weapons. Twelve years ago the officials of this city inaugurated the use of men who carried weapons into walking revolvers. All parties to P. M. Walker, as recorder of the city, punished every violation of the law. The Criminal Court next undertook to arrest this evil, and of late years no rigid has been the enforcement of the law that murder is a rare occurrence in our city, where fifteen years ago the average was one a week. In every part of the country the proper authorities are imitating the example of Memphis, by bringing in an effort to put down the practice of carrying concealed weapons, as requested to a civilized community. Nearly every murder can be traced to this prolific source. In commenting on the recent murder of Dr. J. M. W. Walker, the Appeal said: "But the real reason why Conkling killed his man was that he had what he ought not to have had—a pistol in his pocket. This is what causes nine out of ten of the homicides in this country. The grace and curse of our civilization. Men with pistols in their pockets are almost always easily provoked; but no jury should condemn the notion that if you are provoked, and have a pistol, you must commit murder. If Conkling had had no pistol, he would probably have left the room and gone for the police. A nervous man with a pistol in his pocket is pretty sure to do it. It is not true that any jury should sanction the notion that a man who is provoked to anger should take his sister, of mature age, away from a parlor with whom she was living voluntarily and kill the paragon if he meets with resistance. Such scenes are worthy of a Chinese Land." The Appeal has been for years ago nearly every murder could be traced to the same cause which produced the murder of Haverstick—the practice of carrying concealed weapons. The Appeal has been for years ago nearly every murder could be traced to the same cause which produced the murder of Haverstick—the practice of carrying concealed weapons. The Appeal has been for years ago nearly every murder could be traced to the same cause which produced the murder of Haverstick—the practice of carrying concealed weapons.

## SOUTHERN GARDENS AND ORCHARDS

"Truck farming" is a pleasant term, it is coming more and more prevalent in the South than it has been at any former period. By truck farming is meant the growing of vegetables and fruits for market, and is usually spoken of as "garden work" and "garden." Why truck farming cannot retain its old name of gardening, with a distinction between the products of the garden and the orchard, we do not know, but it is gratifying to see them go as far as "garden work." If they will now plant potatoes, cabbage, peas, beans, lettuce, strawberries, and other garden products, we may hope that the change will gradually extend far enough to put an end, in this, to the mischievous "all cotton" way to ruin. In Tennessee and Arkansas, we are less by our country's changes, the growing of vegetables and fruits is rapidly increasing, and we see by an article in the Atlanta Constitution that the same is the case in Georgia. The business of truck farming has scattered the Northern markets has paid well the last two or three years, and each year the Northern demand for these increases. This trade is the outcome of the railroad; it is the quickness of transport, and the cheapness, possible, and the railroads have generally been sufficiently enlightened in their policy to afford facilities for carrying on the business, and have generally adopted such rates of charge as to give the grower opportunity to make fair profit. The money for these articles comes at a time when it is especially useful. The time between the sale of one season's cotton crop and the picking of another usually leaves the farmer with a dry pocket from summer to fall. With strawberries, early vegetables and fruits market is obtained to meet contingencies that "all cotton" finds to be very troublesome. The "truck" trade is a very profitable one, and the Southern "truck" growers have not yet grown all they can of articles the North will readily take. For instance, while strawberries are beginning to be cultivated extensively, nothing has yet been done with the delicious fruit, the raspberry. We are informed by someone of this city that it grows

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